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SPLASH PARTY NEXT WEEK!

Every decision should be this hard to make. You walk out over the dark green water, the heavy wooden planks have a sturdy feel under your bare feet. All around you is the sound of swift water boiling over waterfalls and deep rapids, and children screaming with excitement and delight. At the end of the bridge you begin your ascent, the steps carved out of a rocky mountainside take you steeply upward. At the top you pause a moment to look around, a good vantage point towering more than two stories above the swirling water and splashing people below.

In front of you, a young man . . . encouraged by slaps on the back from friends . . . climbs into the launching pool of a giant trough-shaped slide, somewhat reminiscent of an 1800's log flume. With a war whoop, he's off . . . roaring downward like an Olympic bobsled, arms out thrust for balance in the banked curves, legs locked together. With a whoosh, he's shot from the bottom of the flume out into the lake below, immediately surfacing with a giant shout for joy.

And behind you, a little girl carefully lays her rubber raft on a swirling pool of water. She climbs aboard and is caught in a twisting whirlpool. On three sides are sheer rock walls, the fourth is curtained in a waterfall. She begins turning in the pool's center until the current takes hold. And like a bobber being pulled from below by a fish, she moves toward the waterfall. In a flash, she disappears through its face. Gaining speed, she finds herself moving through a deep fissure in the mountain, moments later breaking back into sunlight on the other side of the rocky hill. The water is becoming



more violent, she tightens her grip on the raft. Everywhere are whirlpools now, her raft spins from pool to pool. The rushing water picks up speed, below it is turning into full-fledged white water rapids. And then she's in the middle, bouncing from one side of the river to the other. With one last roar, she is thrust out of the river's mouth onto the lagoon below.

Like we said . . . every decision should be this hard to make!

Our whole new world within a "World" has been billed as the "greatest water adventure" anywhere . . . and when you see it, we think you'll agree! In fact, your opportunity to not only see River Country, but experience it firsthand is only a week away! That's right, beginning next Saturday, River Country will be opened for cast members and their immediate families only, during a special six day period. Here are the days and session times:

Saturday, May 29 - 10 am to 4 pm and 4 pm to 10 pm

Sunday, May 30 - 10 am to 4 pm and 4 pm to 10 pm

Monday, May 31 - 10 am to 4 pm and 4 pm to 10 pm

Tuesday, June 1 - 4 pm to 10 pm

Wednesday, June 2 - 4 pm to 10 pm

Thursday, June 3 - 4 pm to 10 pm



"And my Timex watch never stopped ticking" . . . On a trial run down the Whoop-N'-Holler slide, **Dick Nunis** found the wild trough ride one of the most exhilarating of his life, as shown by the concentration on his face while holding his balance through a banked curve.

Due to last minute construction and landscaping of **River Country**, we are uncertain of the exact day and time that the special employee tickets will be available. However, early next week, we will publish a **FLASH 4500** to be posted on bulletin boards throughout our property . . . watch for it for final details on when you can pick up your tickets. So look at your schedule for next week, choose the day and session you and your family (or one guest if you are single) can attend, and watch the bulletin boards for ticket availability. The tickets will be distributed through your Divisional office.

Due to the number of cast members and their families that will be attending each session, here is an important check list for you:

- You will need to bring both your ticket and Disney ID for admission.
- Please wear your swimming attire and bring beach towels with you.
- Please do not bring any canned or bottled beverages or private floatations with you.

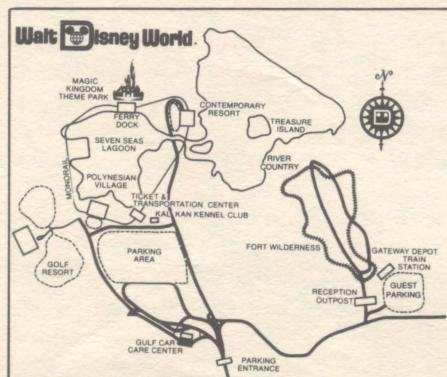
At Pop's Place, adjacent to the lagoon, you can get the following items

at specially reduced employee prices during the party:

• **The Grub Steak** - For 50¢ you get a cheeseburger with strips of bacon, dressing, tomato, lettuce and pickle, french fries and cookies.

• **The Wrangler** - A 35¢ cheeseburger with dressing, tomato, lettuce and pickle.

• **The Prospector** - This 30¢ hamburger has all the trimmings.



When you reach Fort Wilderness, please park in the "Day Guest Parking" area. Catch the steam train right there at the depot . . . it will let you off at River Country. Then you are set for the time of your life!

TREASURE ISLAND VISIT

Transportation will be in operation each day until dusk to take everyone to view the brand new **Treasure Island**! There are new birds, a walk-through cage, refreshment area and much more. Try not to miss it!

• **The Lumberjack** - A quarter-pound hotdog for 45¢.

• **The Cow Poke** - 35¢ gets you a regular hotdog.

• **French Fries** - Golden brown and only 10¢.

• **Chocolate Chip Cookies** - Great on a raft for 10¢.

• **Soft Drinks** - 10¢ gets you anything including Sarsaparilla.

• **Beer** - Cold and foamy for 50¢.

• **Kosher Dills** - A dilly of pickle for 15¢.

So pick your day, get out the ol' bathing suit, and we'll see you next week at **River Country** . . . "ya'll come, hear!"



ONE DAY LEFT TO DONATE LIFE-SAVING BLOOD IN THIS YEAR'S BLOOD BANK DRIVE



Part of the Central Florida Blood Bank's mobile trailer staff include (front l-r) Elizabeth Carlson, R.N., Patricia Kownacki, R.N., Denise Howard, G.P.N., Oscar Hines, (back) Alfreda Thompson, R.N., and Debbie Harmon.



Donna Walker, Vista Florida Telephone



Ron Cadle, Buena Vista Maintenance



Benny Gonzalez, Vista Florida Telephone



Phil Paulk, Buena Vista Maintenance

WHERE THE BLOOD BANK MOBILE TRAILER WILL BE NEXT WEEK

Monday, May 24 - Ticket & Transportation Center (West Gate) - 10 am to 6:30 pm



"What in the heck is that?" is a question Neel Tyree gets asked almost daily everywhere he goes. And like everyone else, EYES & EARS couldn't resist either. Neel, a member of the Dapper Dans, explained that it's a CitiCar . . . completely electrical . . . built here in Central Florida. "I guess it's the biggest toy I ever had," he related, "but soon I discovered how very practical it is." Neel has been driving the little wedge shaped two-seater for eight months now, and has found it a real money saver. "It operates for about \$6.50 a month, total. And I use it everywhere." Neel lives in Winter Garden and has found no problem in driving the 28 miles round-trip in the little car which moves along at 38 mph. And when he gets home at night? "Just plug her into any old wall socket, that's it."

"WORLD'S BIGGEST PARTY" THIS WEEKEND

Just a reminder that this Saturday evening, May 22, is the night set aside for the "World's Biggest Party" . . . and what a party it will be! Here's the scoop:

• The party will begin at McCoy Air Force Base at 5 pm in a 100,000 square foot hanger. There's no charge and once inside you'll be treated to over 1,000 strolling musicians, many wandering acts, in fact, more will be there than you can imagine.

• At 8 pm the hanger party will close and everyone is invited to Lake Eola to continue the festivities. At the lake, you'll find many more entertainment groups, street dancing, the Cypress Gardens Water Ski Show in lake, and your chance to taste part of the world's largest meatball (250 pounds) and the world's largest gumdrop (50-60 pounds). At midnight comes the grand finale . . . a spectacular fireworks show!

It's all free and YOU and anyone you'd care to bring are invited. See you there!

AL MARTINO HEADLINES AT THE TOP

Balladeer Al Martino will headline the *Top of the World* for a two-week engagement here through May 31.

Having won a gold record for "Spanish Eyes," he has had such hits as "I Love You Because," "Painted Tainted Rose," "Living A Lie," "Mary In The Morning" and "Jean."

He made his debut in movies with the Johnny Fontane role in "The Godfather," one of the most successful films in Hollywood's history.

So great is his popularity in Europe that he was recently flown to Germany just to sing one song, "Come Into My Life," at the German National Press Ball in Bonn.

During his two-week engagement at the Top, Al Martino will perform two shows nightly with dinner seatings at 6:30 and 9:45 p.m.

SUMMER PREVIEW MEETINGS SET

All Disney cast members will soon be receiving an invitation to attend

one of our **Summer Update meetings**, scheduled for the Contemporary Resort, June 4 through 10. The hour-long meetings will focus on upcoming summer activities at Walt Disney World, as well as news on future projects. Each division is currently setting up attendance schedules. You will be notified as to which session you will attend.

Included in the sessions will be information on our Fourth of July activities, the College Workshop program, the new Mickey Mouse Club Character Parade, the Empress Lilly, Pioneer Town at Fort Wilderness, and many summer employee activities.



Seen here is Miss Kim Hardesty, a member of the 9th grade class at Meadowbrook Junior High School, spending her day with Cherilyn Belt, secretary to the Controller's Office in our Finance Division. Kim is one student among many who participated in a "shadows program," designed to let the students spend a working day with someone in a profession they are interested in. Several students visited various Walt Disney World departments this week as part of the program.

ONSTAGE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES RESERVED FOR GUESTS

Each year, as we approach our summer season, we wish to remind all cast members that our onstage recreational facilities at our resort hotels and Fort Wilderness are for our guests' use. Employees are asked to refrain from using these facilities in order to provide our guests the maximum enjoyment, convenience and safety during our busiest season.

However, don't forget that Little Lake Bryan, our employee recreational area, is presently open every weekend and will be going to a seven-day-a-week operation (11 am to 7 pm) beginning Monday, June 7. The lake offers beach, swimming, fishing, sailing, and other activities.

CREDIT UNION CHANGING HOURS FOR SUMMER

Effective June 1st, our **Vista Federal Credit Union** will be changing its operating hours to better serve our summer cast members arriving at Walt Disney World. Their new hours will be . . . 7 am to 5 pm on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays, and 1 pm to 5 pm on Wednesdays. If you have any questions, please call the Credit Union at extension 5140. (The current operating hours will be in effect through May 31st.)



THE STUDIO SCENE

"The Wonderful World of Disney," network television's longest running prime-time series, will continue on NBC Television through the 1980-81 season, with NBC-TV presenting 20 Disney theatrical motion pictures during that period, under the terms of a new long-term contract announced this week. This new contract will commence with the 1976-77 television season, and will supersede the prior agreement, which would have run through the 1977-78 season.

Announcement of the major five-year agreement was made jointly by **Herbert Schlosser**, President of NBC-TV, and **Card Walker**.

In addition to "The Wonderful World of Disney" series, NBC-TV will also be showing such two-hour Disney movies as "Love Bug," "Shaggy Dog," "One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing," "The Apple Dumpling Gang" and "The Strongest Man in the World."

The above mentioned movies, set to be aired in the new agreement, have grossed more than \$160,000,000 in film rentals domestically.

In announcing the new contract for the Disney series, which has been on NBC-TV since 1961, Schlosser said, "We are delighted to continue our long association with the Disney organization, which enjoys an enduring worldwide reputation for excellence and good taste in family entertainment. For 15 years on NBC-TV, 'The Wonderful World of Disney's' dedica-

tion to quality programming has made it one of the most popular series in the history of television."

Card stated, "We are very pleased that 'The Wonderful World of Disney' will continue its unique relationship with NBC-TV. We look forward to the continued challenge of creating and producing fresh ideas and presenting a wide spectrum of family entertainment for our loyal Sunday evening audience."



Pictured here are Safety Department secretaries Diane Porter and Teresa Carrico, logging in one of more than 400 safety slogans in our "Professor Owl Says" contest. The winning entry will be announced this Monday, and **EYES & EARS** will carry full details next week.



VILLAGE NOTES

by Jim James, **EYES & EARS** Area Reporter

Our **2nd Annual Paw-Purrs On Parade** will be held in the Village Saturday and Sunday, May 29 & 30. Cats and dogs from all over Central Florida may be shown, while accompanied by their owner. And the owner must be between 6 and 13 years old! The judges will be a blue ribbon panel of six local children who will award trophies, gift certificates and ribbons for the show's best. Radio personality **Mike Miller** will MC the **Paw-Purrs Parade**.

Children wishing to enter their pets should call **Posh Pets** at 828-3884 to register. Final registration will be at the Village that Saturday morning.

Two Olympic gymnasts will be at the Village this weekend as part of the **Citrus Celebration** going on there now. The athletes, **Cathy Shotwell** and **Peter Stout**, will be demonstrating their skills on the uneven parallel bars, high beam and horse **Friday** and **Saturday, May 21 & 22** in the **Garden Courtyard**. The show times were not known at this writing.

"CINDERELLA" AT FILM FESTIVAL

Our next **Family Film Festival** will be presenting Walt Disney Productions' classic tale of "Cinderella." Cast members are invited to stop by Cast Activities and pick up their **free** tickets to enjoy this classic motion picture. The show schedule is:

Tuesday, May 25 - 8 pm, Disney Story
Wednesday, May 26 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Thursday, May 27 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Friday, May 28 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Sunday, May 30 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Tuesday, June 1 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Wednesday, June 2 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Thursday, June 3 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Friday, June 4 - 8 pm, Disney Story

Saturday, June 5 - 3 pm, Continental Room

6 pm, Continental Room

GOLDEN VARIETY SHOW '76

September is the month slated for the staging of our annual **Golden Variety Show '76**, but now is the time to become part of the cast! **May 28** and **29** have been set up as audition dates, and that's only a week away.

If you have seen some hidden talent in your department that has gone untapped and unrecognized so far . . . why not "scout" it out and direct them toward the auditions. The cast is ready to make some stars! So far, the director reports there has been great response to this year's show from all levels of employees within Walt Disney World.

Applications for auditions are in Cast Activities. Just fill one out and you will be contacted for an audition time. And the try-outs are being held on a 24-hour basis, so everyone regardless of work shift can attend. Your rehearsal times will also be tailored to your work shift. If you are unable to make an appointment, there will be an open audition period on **Saturday, May 29**, from **2 pm to 6 pm** at the **Great Smokies Room** in the **Contemporary Resort**. Applications may be picked up at that time.

Musicians, singers, actors, gymnasts . . . all are needed. In addition, many non-acting positions are open, just talk to the director on audition days for more details. This year's director is **Shirley Ann Protheroe**, who

recently directed the **Theatre Workshop's "The Impossible Years."** She told us that this year's show is sure to be one you won't soon forget!



The **Alhambra Golf & Tennis Club**, located at 4700 South Texas Avenue, is offering Disney cast members this special employee discount . . . any Monday through Friday when you tee off before 4 pm, your cost is \$4.16 without cart. Want a cart? For 18 holes plus an electric cart you pay only \$6.24. This discount is being offered to employees and their spouses only upon presentation of your Disney ID.

FIRE ALARMS AVAILABLE

Cast Activities has made arrangements for you to purchase a "Pyr-A-Larm Guardian Smoke and Fire Detector" at a substantial savings. These units detect the products of combustion and sound an alarm before a fire actually breaks out. You may order these through Cast Activities for \$30 (suggested retail price is \$70). The detectors come with an eight foot plug-in cord so no special wiring is involved.



AERO CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the **Aero Club** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 27**, at 7:30 pm in the Cast Activities Lounge. Interested in learning how to fly? Then plan on attending!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Our newly organized **Christian Fellowship** will be meeting at 5:30 pm on **Monday, May 24**, in the Cast Activities Lounge. If you are interested but unable to attend, please call Cast Activities at extension 4254 and leave your name. You will be contacted by a member of the Fellowship group.

DIVE CLUB MEETING

The next **Dive Club** meeting is set for **Tuesday, May 25**, at the Carlton Arms South Clubhouse on Rio Grande at 7:30 pm. A representative from the **American Water Sports Dive Shop** in Pine Hills will be there to exhibit and discuss SCUBA equipment that is **new** on the market this year. This is also a good time to find out about some fantastic discounts available to Disney employees. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON SOON

The **Summer Secretary's Luncheon** is set for **Thursday, June 3**, in the Tournament Room at the Golf Resort. There will be door prizes and entertainment. The luncheon will be at 11:30 am, lasting an hour. You don't have to be a secretary to attend, so why not make a date to meet new friends there!



The **1976 Ping Pong Singles Tournament** was played this week with the following cast members participating . . . **Tommy Jenkins, Mike Brock, Mike Moorehouse, Pat McGuire, Jack Hamilton, Robert Hansen, Tom Smith, Rudy Werlink, Garland Pace, Jim Morris, Carl Conklin, Bill Walters, Al Weiss and Fred Wessel**. From this group the championship game went to the table between **Al Weiss and Fred Wessel**. **Al**, the defending champion, was defeated in a close match 21-16, 21-12, 15-21 and 21-18. Congratulations to **Al** and **Al** as well as all of this year's participants.

HOURLY TEAM PICKED FOR UPCOMING SOFTBALL CLASSIC

In a special drawing held this week in the Legal Department, the Hourly Team which will face a tough Executive Team in this year's **Hourly vs. Exec. Softball Classic** was chosen. The game is set for **Monday** evening, **June 7**, at our softball fields in the Administration Area.

A total of 175 players' names were submitted to the drawing, representing 19 of our regular league teams. The players on this year's Hourly team and their regular team are:

Tom Hailey, Contemporary Services
Rick Dickinson, Frontierland
Darryl Hicks, Town Square
Pete Jones, Golf Resort
John Labriola, Security
Tom Ganley, Sir Edwards
Jeff Browning, Space Mountain
Chuck Collins, Bordens
Roger Collins, Theme Park Maintenance
Mike Jones, Custodial
Mike Kershaw, Plaza Pavilion
Wayne Wafford, LBV Communities
John Stephens, Fort Wilderness
Robert Stearns, Ad/Lib Complex
Andy Crago, Finance
Chuck Briedert, Resorts
Tom McCollough, Employee Relations
Dave Russ, Buena Vista Design
Mike Hanlon, Transportation
Glen Halliday, Contemporary Services

In a special drawing, **Jerry Dale** of Theme Park Maintenance was selected as manager of the 1976 team.



Phil Smith, Vice President of the Legal Department (on right), keeps everything "legal" by officially conducting the draw-by-lot of 20 names plus manager for the 1976 Hourly Team. **Thom Murphy** of Cast Activities announced the winners Phil drew.

MURPH'S SPORTS LINE

by: Thom Murphy, EYES & EARS Area Reporter

Softball scores in our fifth week of play, **Ladies League**, looked like this . . . Transportation moved over the Golf Resort 13-2, Theme Park took

LBV Village 7-0, and the Jippers remained undefeated as they ran over Frontierland.

In **Tuesday's Men's League** play, Finance stayed undefeated with a 12-1 win over Facilities, Sir Edwards did likewise by staying on top in a game against Contemporary Services 9-6, and Resorts punched out a win over Admissions 17-4 to stay undefeated. Plaza Pavilion beat Space Mountain 7-0. In our **Wednesday** league play, Custodial came out on top with a sharp 5-0 win over a very tough Security team, Transportation ran over Theme Park I by 7-0, Theme Park Maintenance took a win over LBV Communities, and the Superbalers fought back a challenge by Employee Relations, beating them 7-2, to take a secure hold in this league for second place. **Thursday** scores showed Buena Vista Design over Vista Telephone by 7-0, Tunnel Maintenance cancelling out Marketing 19-12, Golf Resort over the Fubars 6-0, and Bordens remaining tough with a 10-6 win over Town Square. In the only **Friday** contest, Fort Wilderness and Town Square engaged in a real Pitchers battle with the "Fort" finally out-running the Town Square gang 30-21.

MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE SET

A **Men's 525 Scratch Trio** is being organized, to bowl at **Sky Bowl Lanes** on South Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando, at 9 pm on Friday nights. If you are interested, please call **Gary** in Cast Activities at extension 4254.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS SOUGHT

Just a reminder that if you are a qualified **Water Safety Instructor**, and would like to participate in teaching employees and their families how to swim, Cast Activities has a place for you! Call **Murph** at extension 4254 for more details. (This is a paid job).

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'73 CAPRI 2600-V6, air, 4-speed trans., radio, heater, light green, like new -- inside and out, low mileage. 298-0494 after 4 pm.

'73 MGB, 4-speed, new Michelin radial tires, radio. Excellent condition, immaculate, low mileage. Must sell! Please call Gary or Sue at 846-1286 afternoons or evenings and make an offer.

'74 NATIONAL 16' TRIHULL BOAT, fully equipped, walk-through windshield, 75 h.p. Chrysler motor, galvanized tilt trailer, compass & safety equipment, top & windows, excellent condition, \$2,800. Call 843-6760 after 6 pm.

'72 FIAT-124 SPYDER, Twin Cam, 5-speed, AM/FM, air cond., new black walnut dash, new free-flow exhaust. \$2,600 firm. Steve 851-6635.

'70 CHEVROLET MALIBU, 40,000 original miles, automatic, PS/PB. Exc. cond. \$300 and take over pymts of \$64/mo. Owe about \$800. Call Bill or Donna at 277-3830 after 5 pm.

'72 TOYOTA CARINA DELUXE, air cond., new radials, new battery, recent engine overhaul, 60,000 mi., looks and runs great. \$1,200 or best offer. Must sell! 898-8078 before 5 pm.

'74 MGB, AM/FM 8-track stereo, exc. condition. Call 855-2567.

'75 MUSTANG II GHIA, fully loaded, sacrifice at \$3,500 -- stickered at \$5,600. Call Larry at 351-3534 after 6 pm or on weekends.

'71 YAMAHA, 175 CC, very good cond, low mileage, good trail bike. Also selling bike trailer. Call Sandi at 846-7392, Kissimmee, after 6 pm.

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'74 YAMAHA, 100 MX dirt bike, very fast. One owner. 295-9027.

BIKE, Men's 26" 10-speed, new tires, excellent condition. \$55. 299-7059 after 3 pm.

'73 VEGA, red w/black interior, low mileage, automatic, air, radio. \$300 down and take over pymts, \$60.24/mo. or \$1,400. Call Ruby at 824-3519 or Harold after 5 pm at 855-9691.

GUITAR, Aria acoustic, blonde. Looks sharp, sounds and plays exc. Sacrifice \$140. Call 645-4904, evenings.

ROCKING CHAIR W/FOOT STOOL, like new, modern, fabric (orange). \$45. 295-4759 -- call after 3:30 pm.

COLOR TV WITH STAND, Hitachi 19", 3 mo. old. \$300. Call John at 859-8834, evenings and weekends.

RIFLE, Enfield .303 Hipowered, ammo included. \$55. 859-8834, John, evenings and weekends.

CASSETTE DECK F9191, Pioneer, finest deck available. Brand new. \$325 or trade for reel-to-reel. 843-3117.

AIR CONDITIONER, Westinghouse 8,000 BTU, window unit used less than 1 year, \$125. 298-2312 after 7 pm.

TIRES, two used 145 x 13. \$10. Call 298-2312 after 7 pm.

LAWN MOWER WITH BAG, used 3 HP. \$20. Call 298-2312 after 7 pm.

BUNK BEDS WITH MATTRESSES, maple, \$30. 295-3201.

GOLF CLUBS, Set of Wilson "Blue Ridge" including nice bag and cart. Hardly used. \$60. Call 295-9027.

SHEPHERD FOR SALE: 4 months old, mixed breed. Both working will sacrifice -- \$50. Call 644-5127 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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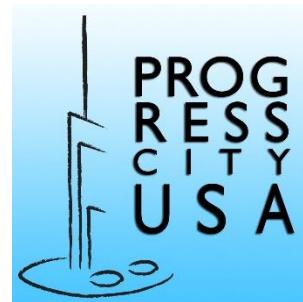
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